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Air Mobility Commander visits 190th

By 1st Lt. Chris Hill

190th Community Manager

U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command's top General visited the 190th Air Refueling Wing on November 24.

General John W. Handy spent approximately two hours at the 190th meeting with senior leaders of the 190th and Kansas National Guard State Headquarters as well as addressing the base population in a town hall meeting.

During his visit, General Handy thanked the members of the 190th for their hard work over the past few years in support of the multiple operations they have been involved in support of the multiple operations they have been involved in.

General Handy's visit to Forbes was one of a number of visits to AMC units in order to meet the leaders and unit members and thank them for their work on behalf of AMC.

As the commander of the U.S. Transportation Command, one of nine combatant commands that fall directly under the Secretary of Defense, General Handy directs operations in order to provide air, land and sea transportation for the Department of Defense in time of peace and time of war.



Colonel Burden thanks General Handy for his visit and presents him with a unit coin.

photos by: SMSgt Shawn Gamber



General Handy addresses the 190th members at a town-hall meeting

190th Airmen of the Quarter/Year



Airmen of the Year - 2003

(L-R) SrA Ellisha Smith, Senior Master Sgt. Lee Perry, Tech Sgt. Kent Davis (not pictured)
photo by: SMSgt. Johnnie Johnson



Airmen of the Quarter - 4th Quarter 2003

(L-R) Chief Master Sgt. Carl Boggs, Master Sgt. Wallace Bonnette, SrA Matthew Glenn
photo by: SrA Mandy Johnson



Airmen of the Quarter - 2nd Quarter 2003

(L-R) SrA Jamie McGill, Tech. Sgt. Scott Moser, Master Sgt. Chris Noe
photo by: SrA Mandy Johnson



Airmen of the Quarter - 3rd Quarter 2003

(L-R) SrA Chris Givens, Senior Master Sgt. Lee Perry, Tech Sgt. Kent Davis (not pictured)

photo by: SMSgt. Johnnie Johnson



Live from Baghdad ... it's POL!

Baghdad International Airport -- Thanksgiving Day was a memorable one for a trio of deployed Kansas Coyotes stationed at Baghdad International Airport, Iraq.

On November 27, 2003 Master Sgt Joe Seley, a member of the Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants (POL) section was dispatched and told he would be refueling an arriving C-5 cargo aircraft on the far side of the airport. Two hours later, the C-5 never showed up. What did show up was a complete surprise to ground personnel and ultimately the world.

On Thanksgiving Day, President George W. Bush paid a special visit to deployed troops in Baghdad. His visit, cloaked in secrecy, was a huge morale boost for deployed personnel and an extra special assignment for the POL troops. Seley and his counterparts refueled Air Force One in the dark at the end of the runway. Those refueling the aircraft were given thank you packets that included pictures of the aircraft and M &

M's in a special box emblazoned with the presidential seal.

"It was really cool the President came to see us! Even though we (POL troops) did not get to meet him, just knowing he flew all that way to spend some time with the troops on Thanksgiving Day was a huge morale boost," Seley said.

Seley, along with 190th ARW POL members Master Sgt Doug Billig and Technical Sgt Shawn Moriarty are currently deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and are stationed at Baghdad International Airport. Although Billig had originally been scheduled to refuel the original C-5 which turned out to be Air Force One, he did get to see the aircraft when he was dispatched for a routine maintenance adjustment on one of the refueling trucks used for the presidential aircraft.

The Kansas trio left in mid-November for their rotation and arrived in the capital of Iraq some 42 hours and multiple plane changes later. Although tired, they were excited they had finally arrived and were on the flightline a day later carrying out their mission.

"Wow, what an operation," was the first thing to come to mind for Billig. He reports almost two dozen POL troops are assigned to Baghdad and are responsible for all fuel on the base. In addition to all the cargo aircraft coming in daily, there are numerous humanitarian flights coming in every day. Aircraft and crews from Russia, Poland, Great Britain, Australia, and Turkey are involved in day-to-day operations as well.

"The amount of fuel required is amazing. We receive an average 20 truckloads of fuel every other day.

Everyone has to work together to get the job accomplished," Billig said.

Shortly after they arrived a commercial cargo carrier was hit by a missile after takeoff, and returned with an in-flight emergency. The plane fortunately landed safely, but came to rest in the dusty median off the runway and near the POL section. Troops at the airport also have experienced an alleged rocket attack and one mortar attack. In the rocket attack, one person, who had only been on site for seven hours, was injured. Along with their daily routine, Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) personnel post a daily schedule of when captured explosives and weapons will be detonated.

"That was a little nerve racking the first day until we found out what those earth-shattering booms were," Billig said.

"Overall, this TDY has been absolutely fantastic. It helped to remind me why I enlisted in the Air Force. So many times we can find ourselves caught up in our own little world here at Forbes, that we forget why we really exist as a military unit. If you ever want to see the 'big picture' of what we in the military are a part of, take the opportunity to volunteer for a TDY to a place like this. There are a lot of things that you sacrifice coming here, but the insight you will gain will make it worth while ten times over," Billig said.

He added, "When you are with your families this Holiday season, please remember those folks who are deployed to the many places like this. We will have several folks from the LRS Squadron TDY to Iraq, making sacrifices to help keep our country safe and free. Please say a prayer for them, and keep them close to your hearts."

Information for this article was submitted by Master Sgt. Doug Billig.



Master Sergeants Doug Billig (left) and Joe Seley (right) stand near an abandoned Iraqi anti-aircraft gun placed outside of the fuel distribution center at Baghdad International Airport, Iraq. The 190th ARW troops are deployed to Baghdad along with Tech Sgt. Shawn Moriarty (not shown) to refuel numerous aircraft flying in and out of the Iraqi capital.

190th Holiday Party ~ In Pictures



Wing Safety

Less than ten, don't pass within

By Senior Master Sgt. Dena Swisher
190th Safety

Travis AFB CA -- May 2002: worker suffered fatal injuries when his head was caught between a hangar door aperture roller and a hangar structure I-beam.

Robins AFB GA -- January 2001: worker opened the hangar door enough for him to enter the building instead of the required 10 feet. As he released the door open switch the hangar doors closed and pinned him between the doors.

Although the 190th hasn't experienced a serious mishap such as these, the hazard exists and we've had some close calls throughout the years. Re-

cently we have had incidents where members have scurried through the big hangar doors as the doors were moving. Members seem totally unaware of how dangerous this can be. What if they tripped and fell? What if the door operator did not see them fall and could not stop the doors in time?

Air Force Occupational Safety & Health Standards requires hangar doors be opened a minimum of ten feet and only by qualified personnel approved by squadron commanders or their designated representatives. In addition, these standards require all base personnel to receive hangar door awareness training.

Wing Safety will offer hangar door awareness classes at each UTA, be-

ginning in January, until all 190th personnel are trained.

January's classes will be held in the maintenance classroom at 1000 and 1300 each day.

Additionally, Wing Safety will soon release a policy letter and a new Wing Operating Instruction addressing hangar door operation.

In the meantime, please remember, if you are not authorized to operate the hangar doors - don't, and if the doors are "less than ten, don't pass within!"

First Five Council ~ Take pride in your uniform

The 190th First Five Council would like to share with you our concern regarding all who are privileged to wear the military uniform. Many who don the uniform of the United States military, consider it a privilege and honor to do so.

With this honor, which we feel is graciously bestowed upon us in this day of increasing world unrest; there come both written and unwritten rules concerning the wear of the uniform.

It is very important in this current day and age to be constantly vigilant of how we are presenting ourselves to our communities and the public in general. This includes any situation both on and off base. When and wherever there are non-military civilians in your presence, it should be your utmost goal to portray a professional and dignified demeanor.

The intention of the First Five Council is to remind, enlighten, and rekindle the spirit of PRIDE,

which comes with the wear of the uniform.

We believe it is a known fact that when you look good, you feel good. When you take the time to put a crease in your uniform or put a shine on your boots, you



will undoubtedly find that positive pride and self-esteem come naturally. If you have any doubts, just give it a try.

We have to depend on one another to give our fellow Americans, and the world a reason to take pride in their military.

With a heightened sense of pride in oneself and pride in ones profession, with ours being the Profession of Arms, there will ultimately come a higher level of production and proficiency among the ranks.

The recent events concerning our livelihoods and safety, and more importantly the livelihoods and safety of our fellow citizens and all of whom we protect and defend should be our chief concern. Our effectiveness in carrying out our ultimate goal and mission, which is to protect and defend largely, depends on you. In view of our profession and the times in which we live, there are literally millions of eyes upon us. The respect and support of our great nation rests upon our shoulders, and the more respect and support, which we can garner, the better!

The First 5 Council wishes all of you safety and prosperity in 2004. Thank you for your time.

CDC / PME

CDC Honor Role

The 190th Base Training and Education office is happy to announce the fiscal year 2003 CDC "honor role."

The individuals listed below achieved at least a 90 percent or better on CDC courses completed during fiscal year 2003.

MSgt. Jeanne Bunting (MOF)
SSgt. Gregory Wadsworth (AMXS)
SSgt. Robert Morse (MGM)
SSgt. Jerrid Clark (MGM)
SSgt. Lonyse Lewis (AMXS)
SrA Sherry Fincham (SVF)
SrA Sean Cochran (SVF)
A1C Jeremy Jackson (SFS)

Norton graduates top of AMS class

2nd Lt. Marjorie Norton, Mission Support Group Executive Officer became the 150th person to receive the Major General Willard W. Millikan Honor Graduate Award from the Academy of Military Science.

Norton was selected by the school staff from among the top 10 percent of her fellow honor graduates to receive the Major General Willard W. Millikan Honor Graduate Award.

It is awarded to the officer candidate who most exemplified the total-person concept demonstrating superior skills in the areas of leadership, military professionalism and communication.



Senior Airman Brad S. Yocum



Organization: 190th LGRVO

Job Title: Vehicle Operator

Main Responsibility: Fleet Management

Civilian Career: KDOT Highway Maintenance Crew

Education: Wabaunsee High School Graduate (2000), Wyoming Technical College with a specialization in Collision Repair and Refinishing.

Military Experience: Basic Military Training (2000), Tech School including numerous positions in vehicle operations.

Goals and Ambitions: I'm working to open my own body shop by the end of next year and I anticipate being promoted to Staff Sgt. in March of 2004. I'm engaged to be married with a date set for next October.

Hobbies and Activities: I really enjoy hunting and building trucks. I also enjoy other outside activities like fishing, camping, riding 4-wheelers and racing (mud-run competitions!).

Most Memorable 190th moment: Turning my back on the ocean during the Hawaii deployment. The waves, the weather, the people – all of it was great. I couldn't believe how awesome the island was.

Achievements: Closing on my first house in December of 2003. Back in high school, I was an All-State selection in baseball (2nd base).

Coyote Comments

What are your New Year's resolutions?



SSgt Savoskey Jones
Logistics Readiness Sq

"To be settled in after coming back from Iraq and also make an easy transition from the Army to the Air Force."



SRA Christopher Overfelt
Aircraft Generation Sq

"To finish the year off at KU with good grades."



MSgt Keith Adams
Quality Insurance - LGS

"To get my CDC course done for my Senior NCO skill set."



SMSgt John Thomason
Wing Safety

"To have a safe New Year for myself, family and 190th guard members, so we can achieve our goals for 2004."

Promotions

A1C

Joseph J. Palmer, Logistics
Ryan D. Williams, Maint.



SrA

Forrest J. Mears, CE
Kevin M. Nease, CE



SMSgt

Paul K. McCartney, Maint.



CMSgt

Gary D. Wadley, SFS
Leslie W. Money, Maint.



2Lt

Shawn W. Johnson, Stu. Flt
Marjorie L. Norton, MSG



Enlistments, Reenlistments, and Retirements

ENLISTMENTS/REENLISTMENTS

2Lt Shawn Johnson, 190th Stu. Flt.
2Lt Marjorie Norton, 190th MSG
CMSgt John Kimball, HQ KSANG
SRA Levi Schultz, 190th MED
A1C Erin Baker, 117th ARS
A1C Adam Koss, 190th MXS
A1C Stephanie Page, 190th LRS
A1C Joseph Palmer, 190th LRS
A1C Ryan Williams, 190th MXS

RETIREMENTS

CMSgt Daniel Lyman, 190th MSF
MSGt Mark Elmer, 190th SFS

UTA Medical Information Hotline



There is a new Information Hotline for basic info about Immunizations and hours on drill week-ends: **4425**.

Unit News / Vacancies



Public Affairs Officer Vacancy

The 190th ARW has a Traditional Public Affairs Officer vacancy, AFSC 35P3 (no special requirements).

If you are interested, submit your package to 190 MSF/DPMA, MSgt. Janet Smith by close of business on 11 January 2004.

Officer Package consists of:
Resume

College Transcripts (4-year degree)

3 letters of character reference

AFOQT scores

Record review rip (if currently in military)

DD 214 or NGB 22 (if prior service)

If you have an officer package currently on file at 190 MSF/DPMA, please ensure that it is accurate and up to date.

Faxed packages will be accepted. Fax
Number: (785) 861-4491

**The 2004 Dining Out is
scheduled for March 6,
at the Topeka Capitol Plaza.
Look for more information
in next month's log.**

AF metallic nametag details

Effective Jan. 1, the new metallic nametag is required to be worn on the service dress jacket and pullover sweater.

On the service dress jacket the nametag will be worn on the wearer's right side with the bottom of the nametag level with the bottom of the ribbons centered between the sleeve seam and the lapel.

On the pullover sweater the nametag will be worn on the wearer's right side with the bottom of the nametag level centered between the middle of the sleeve seam and the seam of the neckline. It will not be worn on the cardigan sweater.

Coyote Cafe Menu

Saturday January 10

Baked Pork Chops w/ Mushroom
Gravy
Roast Beef
Cheesy Au Gratin Potatoes
White Rice
Peas/Corn
Dinner Rolls
Jellocake
Strawberry Cheesecake
Chocolate Cheesecake
Assorted Breads
Salad Bar
Hot Bar/Potato Bar

Short Line

Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
French Fries

Sunday January 11

Fried Chicken
Baked Fish
Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy
Corn on the Cob
Dinner Rolls
Jellocake
Strawberry Cheesecake
Chocolate Cheesecake
Assorted Breads
Salad Bar
Hot Bar/Potato Bar

Short Line

Chili Dogs
Hot Dogs
French Fries

Hotel for January
AmeriSuites

Chapel Hours

Protestant: 0800 - 0830
Latter Day Saints: 1100-1130
Catholic: 1345 - 1415

The Chaplain's Office is located on the 3rd floor of Hangar 662.

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